

# **ANDREWS INTERNATIONAL** **HOLLYWOOD/SUNSET BID PATROL**

## **SUMMARY FOR 09-10-07 THROUGH 10-07-07**

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During this reporting period, we have continued to identify and reach out to resources that are available to help us address problems in the BID area. Towards this end, I attended the CPAB meeting on 09-25-07. Starting a BID on Western Blvd. was one major topic. I also attended the Chamber of Commerce Luncheon, the PAL Benefit dinner at the Music Box, the CPAB Night Club meeting, and the H+H Retail meeting.

I also attended the Homeless Issues and Services Committee chaired by Erik Sanjurjo. The topic was the Get Love feeding program on Ivar. Aileen Getty and John Latner who run the program were present as was Kerry Morrison. Kerry spoke out forcefully in defense of business owners and residents that have been negatively affected by this program. She pointed out that this community has made great efforts to reach out to the homeless but stressed that some resolution must be reached very soon as businesses are suffering and the quality of life in the area has fallen sharply. Frustration is clearly mounting as the program and associated problems continue to grow.

We have monitored this situation closely on a daily basis and have spoken to people living and working in the area. We have seen alcohol and drug abuse, fighting, urination and defecation, trespassing, blocking of doorways and driveways, blocking access to the library book drop, and near traffic collisions.

Another meeting was called regarding the program. Representatives of LAPD, the City Attorney's Office, BID Security, and business owners on Ivar discussed the issue once again. LAPD agreed to assist with enforcement of crimes on the street but all concerned held out hope that the program could be moved to a more viable location.

Lastly, I met with representatives of the City of Los Angeles Bureau of Street Services. They handle matters affecting public streets such as dumping, illegal vending etc. They have Police powers. As a result of this meeting, they have agreed to do an undercover sting operation to address illegal CD and other illegal vendors. They plan to do the operation in the near future and then plan to put the BID area on a monthly schedule for follow-up enforcement.

### **TRENDS:**

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Attached is the year to date statistics for both BIDS. After 40 weeks, the Hollywood BID has a total of 1201 arrests. The Sunset BID has a combined arrest total of 672 arrests after 33 weeks of operation. Combined, the BIDS have a total of 1873 arrests through 10-07-07.

We have made a large variety of arrests including 77 felonies such as robbery, burglary, drug possession, and handgun possession. Alcohol related crimes are still by far our biggest category.

I was invited to attend the LAPD Supervisors meeting. I was able to introduce myself and share a video showing a group of juvenile and young adult gang members that have caused numerous problems, particularly in the Hollywood and Highland area. The video showed the group attacking a female near the Metro Station. It appeared that it was also a strong armed robbery as they took her glasses. We have arrested members of this group for robbery, drugs, alcohol, trespass, and assault with a deadly weapon.

The LAPD Gang Unit and Patrol Officers responded with a major sweep of the area last Friday night. They made a total of 29 arrests. This intervention was greatly appreciated and effective.

Tagging and graffiti continue to be a challenge. We have made a total of 14 arrests but this crime happens very quickly and often during later hours when we are not working. We do monitor new graffiti and alert Clean Streets so that it can be removed as soon as possible. I have met with the LAPD Gang Unit and have agreed to provide them with photographs of any gang related graffiti before it is painted over so that they can assist in addressing this problem.

Our homeless outreach efforts continue and we worked with the regular PATH Outreach team as well as the new HERO team. We met with them again and they renewed their commitment to go on ride alongs with us in the near future. This will allow us to take needed resources directly to people that need the help the most.

We were part of one particularly successful effort during this period. We were contacted by Kerry Morrison's Office regarding 68 year old Nicole Lowenthaze who was homeless. A family near Sunset and Vine had befriended her and were trying to find a way to get her off the street. We had spoken to Nicole many times but were never able to convince her to accept help. We spoke to her again and she agreed to try a shelter. PATH responded and convinced her to give it a try. Our elation was short lived as she left the shelter two days later because they required that she take a TB shot.

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By now there was a large and growing group trying to help Nicole. The family and Kerry's staff kept us updated on developments with her. We located her again and re-contacted PATH. Rudy Salinas responded with his team and convinced her to give it another try. She remains in the shelter to this day and they are looking for a long term assisted living placement for her.

These efforts are very labor intensive but quite rewarding when successful. This team approach is proving to be a model worth pursuing. We also assisted other homeless people with clothing, a luggage cart, as well as directing medical attention to people we found in distress on the streets.

### **DEPLOYMENT:**

During this period, our normal deployment for the HBID was Monday through Friday from 6:00 A.M. until 8:30 P.M. In the SBID we deployed teams Monday through Saturday from 12:00 noon through 8:30 P.M. On Sunday, both BIDS worked 10:00 A.M. through 6:30 P.M. Our HBID early morning team did spend a considerable amount of time in the SBID area handling numerous arrests, radio calls, extra patrols, and business checks.

We will continue to adjust our patrol hours as special needs and events present themselves.

### **NOTED ARRESTS:**

Under Influence Methamphetamine- Spiderman  
Felony Narcotics 4 arrests  
Illegal Vending 1 arrest  
Graffiti 1 arrest  
Felony Warrant 1 arrest  
Robbery warrant arrest  
Forgery 2 arrests Wells Fargo Bank  
Lewd Conduct 1 arrest

### **TRAINING UPDATE:**

During this period our Officers received firearms training at our Burbank range. They were also given legal update and report writing training.

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